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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/824,583	KIM ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 7-11 and 21-27 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1,4,6,12,14-16,18 and 20 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 2,3,5,13,17 and 19 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 14 April 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 07192004.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1, 4, 6, 12, 14-16, 18 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Do. Do teaches an optical system having, from an object side to an image side, an aperture diaphragm (Figure 1, element S1), a first positive refractive power meniscus shaped lens (Figure 1, element L1) with the convex surface facing the image side (Column 2, lines 17-19) and having two aspheric surfaces (Table 2) and a second negative refractive power lens (Figure 1, element L2) as claimed in independent claims 1 and 12 and dependent claims 4, 6, 18 and 20. Do also teaches an optical system satisfying the conditional expressions as claimed in independent claims 1 and 12 and dependent claims 14-16 (Table 2).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2, 3, 5, 13, 17 and 19 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 7-11 and 21-27 are allowed.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The prior art taken either singularly or in combination fails to anticipate or fairly suggest the limitations of the independent claims, in such a manner that a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102 or 103 would be proper. Although the prior art teaches an optical system arranged from an object side to an image side, an aperture, a first positive refractive lens having two aspheric surfaces and a second negative refractive lens having two aspheric surfaces, the prior art fails to teach such a system wherein the conditional expressions as they relate to the trigonometric relationship of the focal length and image height with respect to the half angle measurement as claimed in independent claim 7 and 21 and dependent claims 2 and 17. The prior art also fails to teach an optical system satisfying the conditional expression relating to the Abbe number as claimed in dependent claim 3, an optical system wherein the second lens was a meniscus lens having a convex image side as claimed in dependent claims 5 and 19 or an optical system satisfying the conditional expression relating to the radius of curvature of the object side of the first lens and the focal length as claimed in dependent claim 13.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Do et al (Patent Application Publication 2003/0081330) and Yamaguchi et al (US Patent Number 6813100) both teach of an optical system having a positive refractive power first lens and a negative refractive second lens.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Darryl J. Collins whose telephone number is 571-272-2325. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30 - 5:00 Monday - Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Georgia Y. Epps can be reached on 571-272-2328. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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